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Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans June 26, 1867

Hon. John Jay Knox Assistant Comptroller of the Currency

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Very respectfully, HM. F. Bonzano Special Agent, Treasury Dept.